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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE

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Sir:

The undersigned, a duly authorized representative of
Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., the Assignee of the
entire interest in U.S. Patent No. 5,940,268, hereby assents to
the above-captioned Reissue Application of said patent.

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STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT
FOR ALL CHANGES TO THE CLAIMS

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(c), each of original claims 1-11 is pending and is presently unamended in this reissue application. New claims 12-45 are added. Support therefor is found at least in original Figs. 1-3 and the portions of the specification discussing those figures, including col. 2, line 29-col. 4, line 34. As examples of how the claim elements may be read on the disclosed subject matter, Exhibit I attached hereto shows new

claims 12-45 with reference numerals and pertinent specification portions inserted therein.

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Exhibit I

12. A heat sink apparatus comprising:

a heat sink apparatus substrate 2 for being attached to a heat emitting element 1, and having a bottom portion with a standing wall 3 mounted thereon;

driving means 6;

a fan 7 mounted on said driving means; and

a cover 8 mounted on said standing wall 3, wherein:

said driving means 6 protrudes through an opening formed on said cover 8 and a height of an upper surface of said fan 7 and a height of an upper surface of said cover 8 are lower than that of an upper surface of said driving means 6 relative to said bottom wall.

13. A heat sink apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said heat sink apparatus substrate has a plurality of fins 5 mounted thereon.

14. A heat sink apparatus for being mounted in an electric device in a state of contact with a heat emitting element 1 comprising, said apparatus comprising:

a housing including an upper wall 8, a lower wall 2 and a side wall 3, said housing having two openings (at A and B in Fig. 3);

a plurality of fins 5 provided in said casing;

driving means 6 provided in said casing, and

a fan 7 rotating by said driving means 6, wherein:

a height of an upper surface of said side wall 3 is lower than that of an upper surface of said driving means 6 relative to said lower wall 2 so as to generate a smooth air flow when said heat sink apparatus is mounted in the electric device so that an upper surface of said driving means 6 faces a plane surface in said electric device.

15. A heat sink apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said fan 7 faces said plurality of fins 5.

16. A heat sink apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said one (at area B) of said two openings is an outlet opening formed in a direction normal to an axial direction of said fan 7.

17. A heat sink apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said fan 7 is a centrifugal fan (col. 3, line 67).

18. A heat sink apparatus for being mounted in an electric device in a state of contact with a heat emitting element 1, said apparatus comprising:

a casing having an inlet (at A) and an outlet (at B) for air,

a driving means 6 provided in said casing and having a protruding portion (see Fig. 3) thereof from said inlet of said casing,

a fan 7 provided in said casing and rotating by said driving means 6; and

a plurality of fins 5 provided in said casing, wherein:
a plane surface in said electric device, said protruding portion of said driving means 6 and a portion of said casing adjacent to said inlet (at A) generate a smooth air flow when said heat sink apparatus is mounted in the electric device so that said inlet is disposed apart from said plane surface.

19. A heat sink apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said fan 7 faces said plurality of fins 5.

20. A heat sink apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said outlet (at B) is formed in a direction normal to an axial direction of said fan 7.

21. A heat sink apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said plane surface in said electric device, said protruding portion of said driving means 6 and said portion of said casing adjacent to said inlet A generate a smooth air flow to said inlet A.

22. A heat sink comprising:

a substrate 2 having a floor and a vertical sidewall 3,
driving means 6; and

a fan 7 rotating by said driving means 6, wherein:

a height of an upper surface of said side wall 3 is lower than that of an upper surface of said driving means 6 relative to

said floor of said substrate 2.

23. A heat sink according to claim 22, wherein the fan 7 has a shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

24. A heat sink according claim 22, wherein said driving means 6 has a housing and said height of said upper surface of said side wall 3 is lower than the height of an upper surface of said housing of said driving means 6 relative to said floor of said substrate 2.

25. A heat sink comprising:

- a substrate 2 having a floor and a vertical sidewall 3;
- driving means 6;

- a fan 7 rotating by said driving means 6; and

- a plate 8 mounted on an upper surface of said sidewall 3 and having an opening (at A), wherein:

- a height of said upper surface of said side wall 3 and a height of an upper surface of said plate 8 are lower than that of an upper surface of said driving means 6 relative to said floor of said substrate 2.

26. A heat sink according to claim 24, wherein the opening A of the plate has a size which is large enough to allow the driving means 6 to penetrate the plate 8 through said opening A but which is smaller than the fan 7.

27. A heat sink according to claim 26, wherein th fan 7 has a

shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

28. A heat sink according to claim 25, where in the fan 7 has a shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

29. A heat sink comprising:

a substrate 2 having a floor,

driving means 6,

a fan 7 rotating by said driving means 6,

a plate 8 having an opening A,

a vertical side wall structure 3 disposed between said substrate 2 and said plate 8, wherein:

said plate 8 is positioned at an upper surface of said side wall structure 3, and said plate 8 and said side wall structure 3 form a frame having a height which is lower than a height of an upper surface of said driving means 6 relative to said floor of said substrate 2.

30. A heat sink according to Claim 29, wherein said opening A of said plate 8 has a size which is large enough to allow said driving means 6 to penetrate said plate 8 but which is smaller than said fan 7.

31. A heat sink according to claim 29, wherein said fan 7 has the shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

32. A heat sink according to claim 30, wherein said fan 7 has the shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

33. A heat sink apparatus comprising:

a heat sink substrate 2 including a bottom wall, a plurality of side walls 3 mounted on each of the sides of said bottom wall except for one side, said bottom wall and a plurality of side walls 3 being formed integrally in a one-piece structure;

a cover 8 providing a first opening B by being mechanically mounted on an edge portion of said side walls 3 and being formed with a second opening A therein;

a motor 6 provided on said heat sink substrate 2 and being disposed adjacent to said second opening A;

a centrifugal fan 7 for being rotated by said motor 6; and

a plurality of fins 5 provided on said bottom wall of said heat sink substrate 2, wherein:

an air flow generated by said centrifugal fan 7 passes from said second opening A to said first opening B.

34. A heat sink apparatus according to Claim 33, wherein said motor 6 protrudes from said second opening A.

35. A heat sink comprising:

a substrate 2 having a floor and a vertical side wall 3 open in one direction;

a plurality of fins 5 vertically projecting from said floor of said substrate 2;

driving means 6 at least a part of which is supported by

said floor of said substrate 2, and

a fan 7 rotated by said driving means 6, wherein:

a height of an upper surface of said side wall 3 is lower than that of an upper surface of said driving means 6 relative to said floor of said substrate 2.

36. A heat sink according to claim 35, characterized in that the fan 7 has a shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

37. A heat sink according claim 35, wherein said driving means 6 has a housing and said height of said upper surface of said side wall 3 is lower than the height of an upper surface of said housing of said driving means 6 relative to said floor of said substrate 2.

38. A heat sink comprising:

a substrate 2 having a floor and a vertical sidewall 3 open in one direction;

a plurality of fins 5 vertically projecting from said floor of said substrate 2;

driving means 6 at least a part of which is supported by said substrate 2;

a fan 7 for being rotated by said driving means 6; and

a plate 8 mounted on an upper surface of said sidewall 3 and having an opening A, wherein:

a height of said upper surface of said side wall 3 and a

height of an upper surface of said plate 8 are lower than that of an upper surface of said driving means 6 relative to said floor of said substrate 2.

39. A heat sink according to claim 37, wherein the opening A of the plate 8 has a size which is large enough to allow the driving means 6 to penetrate the plate 8 through said opening A but which is smaller in diameter than the fan. 7

40. A heat sink according to claim 39, wherein the fan 7 has a shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

41. A heat sink according to claim 38, wherein the fan 7 has shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

42. A heat sink comprising:

- a substrate 2 having a floor,

- a plurality of fins 5 vertically projecting from said floor of said substrate 2,

- driving means 6 at least a part of which is supported by said substrate 2,

- a fan 7 rotated by said driving means 6,

- a plate 8 having an opening A, and

- a vertical side wall structure 3 disposed between said substrate 2 and said plate 8, said vertical side wall structure 3 being open in one direction, said plate 8 being positioned at an upper surface of said side wall structure 3, said plate 8 and

said side wall structure 3 forming a frame having a height which is lower than a height of an upper surface of said driving means 6 relative to said floor of said substrate 2.

43. A heat sink according to claim 42, wherein said opening A of said plate has a size which is large enough to allow said driving means 6 to penetrate said plate 8 but which is smaller in diameter than said fan 7.

44. A heat sink according to claim 42, wherein said fan 7 has the shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).

45. A heat sink according to claim 43, wherein said fan 7 has the shape of an axial fan (col. 3, lines 66-67).